

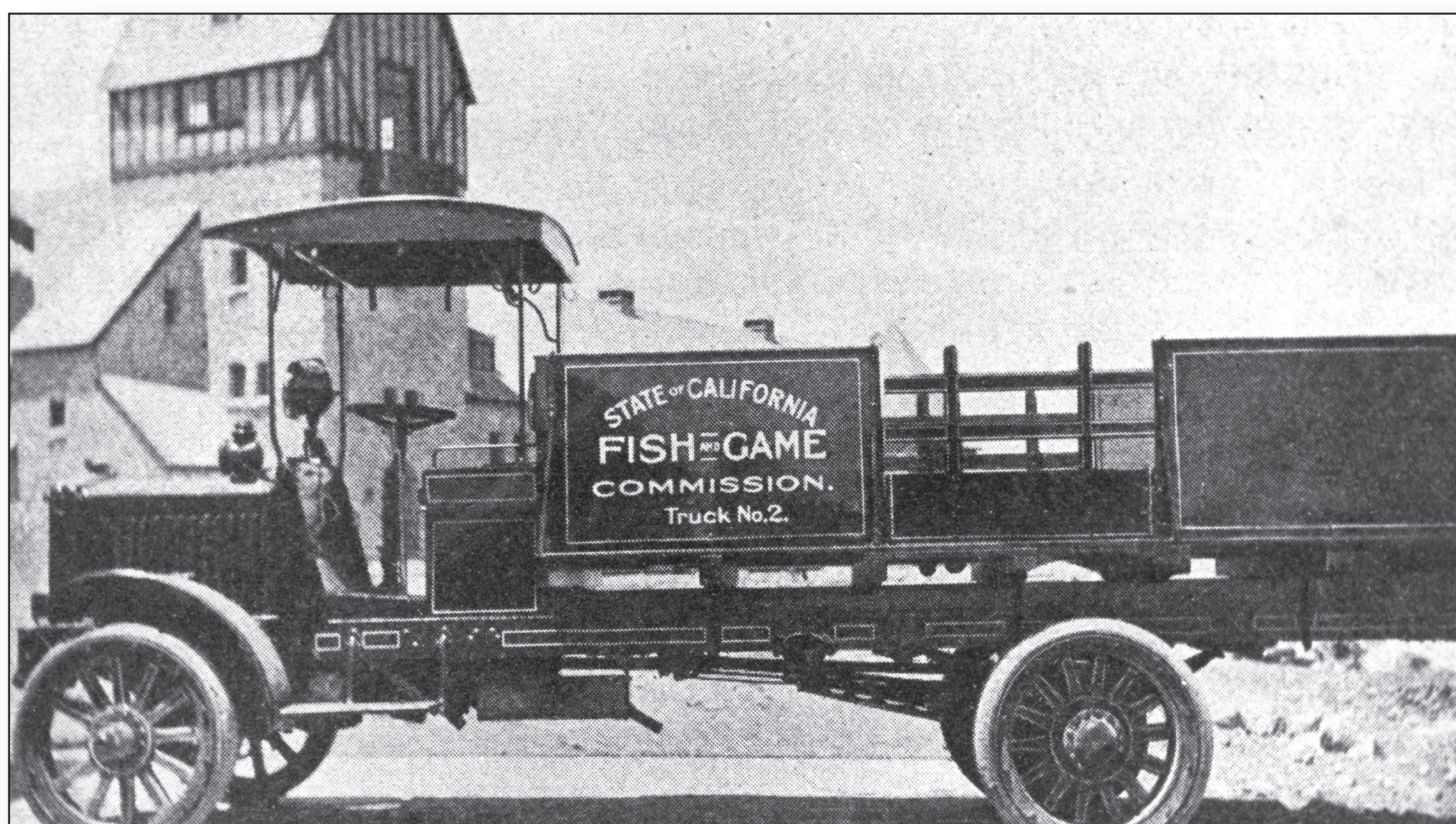
## History of the Hatchery and Stocking Program

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has been rearing and stocking fish in the inland waters of California since the late 1800s when the State of California enacted legislation to restore and preserve fish in state waters. This legislation called for the establishment of “fish breederies” to stock and supply streams, lakes and bays with foreign and domestic fish.

Since that time, CDFG has continued this hatchery and stocking program (Program). The Program is now guided in part by Fish and Game Code Section 13007 (passed through AB 7), which mandates nearly one-third of fees collected from issuing sport fishing licenses be deposited into the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund and used for the management, maintenance and capital improvement of California’s fish hatcheries. Fish and Game Code Section 13007 also requires increased production of hatchery trout and establishes annual goals for hatchery trout production based upon sport fishing license sales.

In the past 6 years, CDFG has planted more than 49 million combined salmon and trout annually in hundreds of locations in California. It is anticipated the production of trout species will increase as a result of the implementation of Fish and Game Code Section 13007. This increase will be achieved through options within the existing hatchery system and through the continued assistance of the Sport Fishing Restoration Act (SFRA) funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). These additional fish will be released into water bodies as part of the continuing Program.

CDFG and FWS are currently preparing an EIR/EIS to consider CDFG’s Fish Hatchery and Stocking Program. CDFG will address all aspects of its fish rearing and stocking activities and its permitting of private stocking activities. FWS will address only trout hatcheries and steelhead from Mad River hatchery, and associated stocking.



*Mt. Whitney Hatchery, 1918*



*Mt. Shasta Hatchery, 1908*